

Examine Yourselves Whether You be in the Faith, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews.

B. Jesus was always extending his love, but reminding the people that there is a limit. (John 12:32; 8:12; 7:33; Genesis 5:3; Isaiah 63:7-10)

C. God's mercy has limits.

D. Hebrews warns about people who are close to committing themselves to Christ but never do.

II. The first warning passage: the church was primitive although it should have been advanced.. (Hebrews 2:1-4)

III. The second warning: there was certain judgment for those who had only tasted but had not committed to the Holy Spirit.

IV. The second warning passage: if a person willfully rejects Christ knowing the truth, there is no other sacrifice.

V. The fourth warning: God is a consuming fire who will shake the very heavens in his judgment. (Hebrews 12)

VI. The fifth warning: do not go another day rejecting Jesus and harden yourselves. (Hebrews 3-4)

A. It would be fearful knowing that God had given the promise of rest and one did not attain it.

B. The basis of rest: one has to hear the gospel and mix it with faith. (Numbers 14)

C. God will always preserve a remnant.

D. There is still a rest for the people of God.

E. We do not enter by works.

Application Questions:

1. What is the condition of the addressees of Hebrews that is the author's cause for concern?

2. Why should the warnings of Hebrews *not* spur us to work harder?

3. What does the rest of God refer to?
